

In the Claims

Please amend claims 1 and 7 as follows:

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1. (currently amended) A fishing line release device, operable in conjunction with a fishing reel containing said fishing line, said fishing line release device comprising:

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(a) two ^{12,14} fingers arranged for holding said fishing line when in a closed position, and to rotate together in said closed position ¹⁴ at least one of said finger being metallic; and,

(b) means for opening said fingers to release said fishing line when tension is applied to said fishing line, said means for opening comprising at least ^{new matter} one permanent stationary magnet ²⁶ to draw said metallic finger to said permanent stationary magnet, and a ²⁰ stop to separate said fingers.

2. (as originally submitted) The fishing line release device as claimed in claim 1 wherein said means for opening comprise a rotating structure for moving said fingers.

3. (As originally submitted) The fishing line release device as claimed in claim 2 wherein said means for opening further comprise a spring bias means which moves said rotating structure.

Claim 4 (cancelled)

Claim 5 (cancelled)

Claim 6 (cancelled)

7. (currently amended) The fishing line release device as claimed in claim 1, wherein said stationary magnet is positioned to attract a closer one of said fingers.

8. (as originally submitted) The fishing line release device of claim 1, fishing line release device is attached to a fishing rod mounting said fishing reel.

9. (currently amended) The fishing line release device [as claimed in] of claim 1, further comprising a fish bite alarm triggered when said fishing line is released.

Claim 10 (cancelled)

Claim 11 (cancelled)

Claim 12 (cancelled)

Claim 13 (cancelled)

Claim 14 (cancelled)

Claim 15 (cancelled)

Claim 16 (cancelled)

Claim 17 (cancelled)

Claim 18 (cancelled)

Claim 19 (cancelled)

Claim 20 (cancelled)

Claim 21 (cancelled)

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Claim 23 (cancelled)

Claim 24 (cancelled)

Claim 25 (cancelled)
